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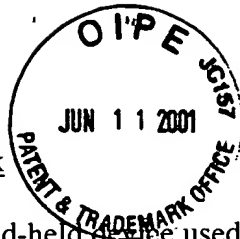
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Transmitted herewith is Form PTO/SB/O8B listing cited reference documents provided with this Information Disclosure Statement that may be relevant to the subject application. It is respectfully requested that this document be considered by the Examiner and an initialed copy of the form be returned to the undersigned. It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 and the MPEP §609. If for some reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

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Applicants submit for consideration to the Examiner, a series of articles found on the World Wide Web.

IMS HEALTH PhasTrak



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PhasTrak provides a hand-held device used by field-based pharmaceutical company sales representatives for use in their daily sales call activities. This device contains some software for "product sample control and management—including signature verification, rapid retrieval and sampling history". Reference A: (www.imshealth.com/public/structure/discontent/1,2779,1000-1000-16023,00.html dated January 19, 2000, printed June 4, 2001)

The PhasTrak program is described in Reference B "Powerful, Professional Databases for Windows CE" by David Shier. See page 4 of the printed copy of this article where it notes that "one of the most important features of PhasTrak is the logging of sample products provided to physicians." The article notes that the physicians sign for the controlled substances that constitute the samples.

The PhasTrak program is also discussed in IMS HEALTH Strategic Technologies provided in Reference C.

ReadyScript

Reference B by David Shier also includes a mention of a product he was developing called "ReadyScript". This product is referenced on page 2 of the Shier article. From the Shier article, one can deduce that the product will run on a Palm-sized PC. The device running ReadyScript uses a wireless network to transmit prescriptions.

There is no reference to the problems associated with dispensing samples in the Shier discussion of ReadyScript. The collection of material from the BIOMERICA web site and from its subsidiary ReadyScript's web site provides additional detail on the functionality of the ReadyScript product with respect to prescriptions (See Reference set D). Although it is not clear that the material printed in June of 2001 reflects that status of the product before the filing date of the present application, this material does not mention the problem of working with pharmaceutical samples and thus provides no specific solution to these problems.

IMS HEALTH SampleTrak

Applicants provide notice that applicants have located a press release dated after the priority date for this application of a second IMS HEALTH product, SampleTrak, which can be integrated with the IMS HEALTH PhasTrak software mentioned above. The press release states that SampleTrak was announced on April 19, 2000, the date of the press release. This product is again directed to pharmaceutical field sales representatives but is focused on the process of providing samples to qualified physicians and then documenting the transaction.

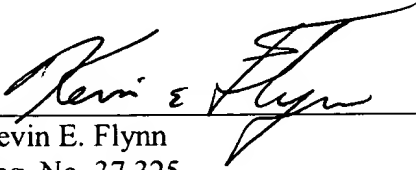
The IMS HEALTH SampleTrak announcement would not be prior art to the present application which relies on a provisional application filing date of April 7, 2000. Applicants provide this reference to the Examiner so that the Examiner may check whether a public disclosure regarding SampleTrak was made prior to the priority date of this application. The

press release provided with this disclosure was found on the IMS HEALTH web site with title "IMS Health Strategic Technologies Launches SampleTrak; the First Web-Based Solution for Managing Prescription Drug Sampling" (<http://www.imshealth.com/public/structure/discontent/1,2779,1000-1000-38951,00.html> dated April 19, 2000 and printed June 4, 2001).

Applicants respectfully submit that the submitted material either alone or in combination does not disclose or render obvious the inventions claimed by applicants Pollard et al. in the present application.

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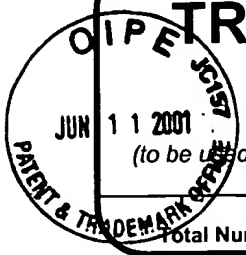
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